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Office Action Summary

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Status

Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 13-26 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 13-26 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

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Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received
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Attachment(s)

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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Claims 13-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 13 and 19, there is no clear antecedent basis for "said carrier", since these claims earlier recite a "carrier powder", as opposed to a "carrier". The word "suitable" throughout the claims renders the scope of the claims vague and indefinite. In claim 19, lines 7 and 8, the steps of "filter precipitates" and "evaporate said suitable solvent" is unclear in that these recitations are ungrammatical. The word "filter" should be changed to --filtering-- and "evaporate" should be changed to --evaporating-- to avoid this rejection. Claims 13-26 are also confusing in that they are entirely underlined, and it is not clear whether applicant intends the claims to be fully underlined. If applicant so intends, it is unclear as to what the significance would be of the underlining. Claims 13-26 should be resubmitted as new claims 27-40, without the underlining, to avoid this rejection.

The references are made of record for disclosing various processes for producing metal borohydrides.

This application apparently discloses allowable subject matter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne A.

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Langel whose telephone number is (703) 308-0248. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on (703) 308-3837. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-7718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2351.

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